

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 7 and 33 are pending. Claim 33 is amended. The basis for the amendment can be found throughout the specification including page 112, line 22 to page 113, line 7.

Claim 33 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly containing inconsistent chemical nomenclature in regard to the “-NHR¹NH-” group. This rejection is believed to be moot in view of Applicants’ recitation of alternate, yet equivalent, nomenclature.

Claims 2-4, 7, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious in view of *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 7430-31 (“the Norman reference”) and PCT Patent Application WO 96/33972 (“the Gordeev application”), *J. Med. Chem.* **1996**, *39*, 2710-19 (“the Konings reference”, and *J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.* **1995**, *35*, 1026-33 (“the Siani reference”). Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection, the claim is amended to further prosecution. The recited structures are significantly different from those of the Norman reference. Moreover, the other cited references do not remedy this defect, nor have they been alleged to do so. As such, even if one were to combine the cited art, no claimed invention could be produced. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

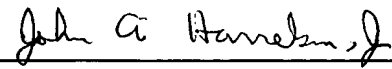
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Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, an early and favorable reconsideration of the rejections and an allowance of all of pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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